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International Appln No. PCT/JP03/13531)	
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For: NOVEL)	
POLYHYDROXY ALKANOATE)	
COPOLYMER INCLUDING)	
WITHIN ITS MOLECULE UNIT)	
HAVING VINYL GROUP OR)	
CARBOXYL GROUP IN SIDE)	
CHAIN AND PRODUCING)	
METHOD THEREFOR)	May 10, 2006

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Sir:

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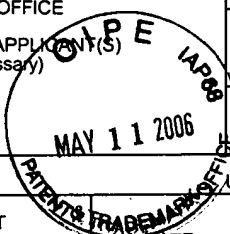
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